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October 16, 1998

In Reply Refer To
Application 2053

Mr. L. F. Anderson, Jr.
Happy Holiday Christmas Trees
Post Office Box 231
Jefferson, North Carolina 28640

Dear Mr. Anderson:

This is to acknowledge your request for five STAA reasonable access routes. The following two routes have previously been applied for, investigated and approved. Therefore your application to use these two routes is hereby approved.

- **US 421 from US 421 in Wilkesboro, Wilkes County, west to US 221 in Deep Gap, Watauga County, then north on US 221 to NC 16, Ashe County, then north on NC 16 to Happy Holiday Christmas Trees loading area.**
- **NC 16 from the Virginia/North Carolina state line in Ashe County, south to Happy Holiday Christmas Trees loading area.**

The remaining requested routes are described below.

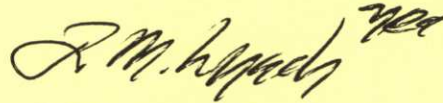
1. **NC 18 from US 421, Wilkesboro, Wilkes County, north on NC 18 through North Wilkesboro to Happy Holiday Christmas Trees loading area.**
2. **NC 18 from US 421, Wilkesboro, Wilkes County, north to NC 88 in Laurel Springs, Alleghany County, then west on NC 88, Ashe County, to NC 16, then northward to Happy Holiday Christmas Trees loading area.**
3. **US 421 from US 421 in Wilkesboro, Wilkes County, west to US 221 in Deep Gap, Watauga County, then north on US 221 to NC 88, then east on NC 88 to NC 18, Alleghany County, then south on NC 18 to Happy Holiday Christmas Trees loading area.**

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We have initiated a study of the proposed routes. Since appropriate law enforcement agencies will need to review the request and newspaper notices have to be run to give citizens a chance to comment, this process usually takes about 90 days to complete. However, because you wish to use these routes for the 1998 Christmas tree season, we will try to expedite the process as much as possible. As part of the study, you will probably have to furnish an STAA dimensioned vehicle and driver for a test run in both directions along the proposed routes. If necessary, you will be contacted by L. T. Williams, Area Traffic Engineer in Winston-Salem, who will be conducting the engineering study.

Please let us know if you have any questions or need additional information.

Yours very truly,

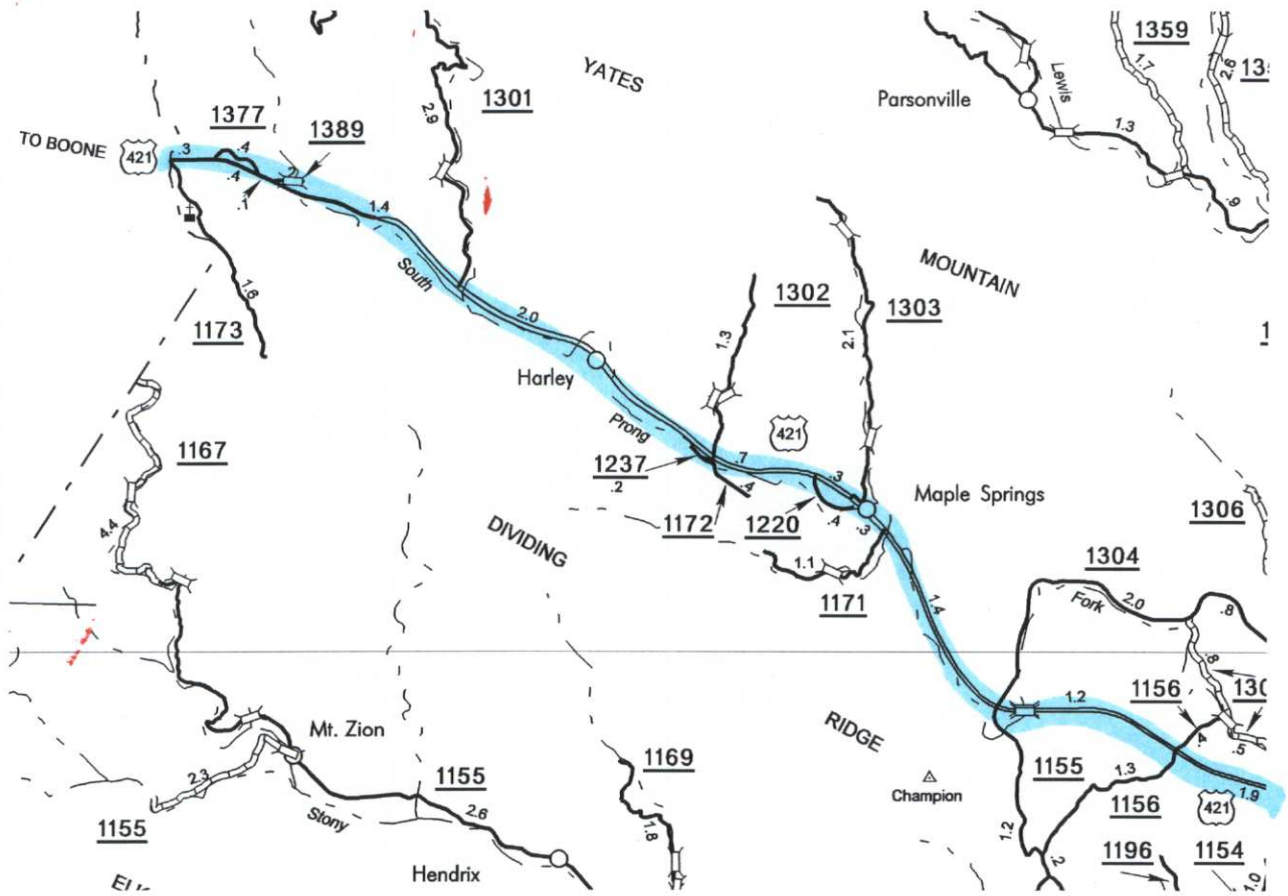
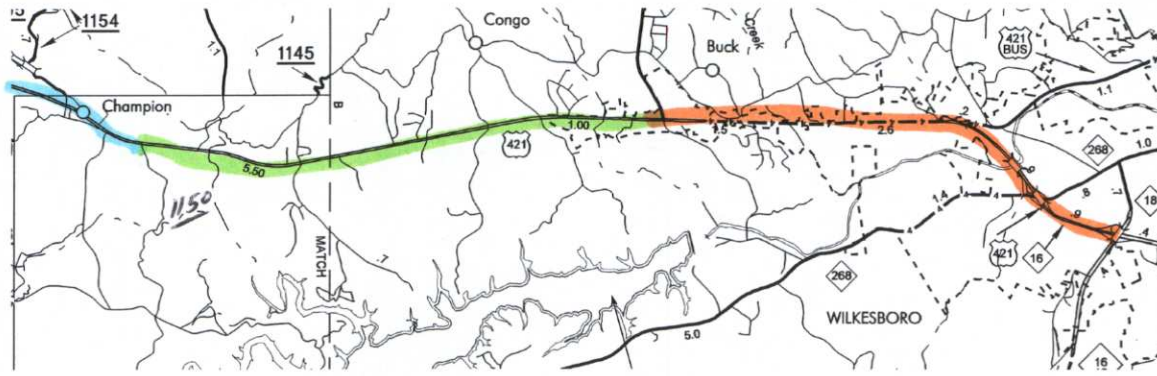
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J. M. Lynch, P.E.
State Traffic Engineer

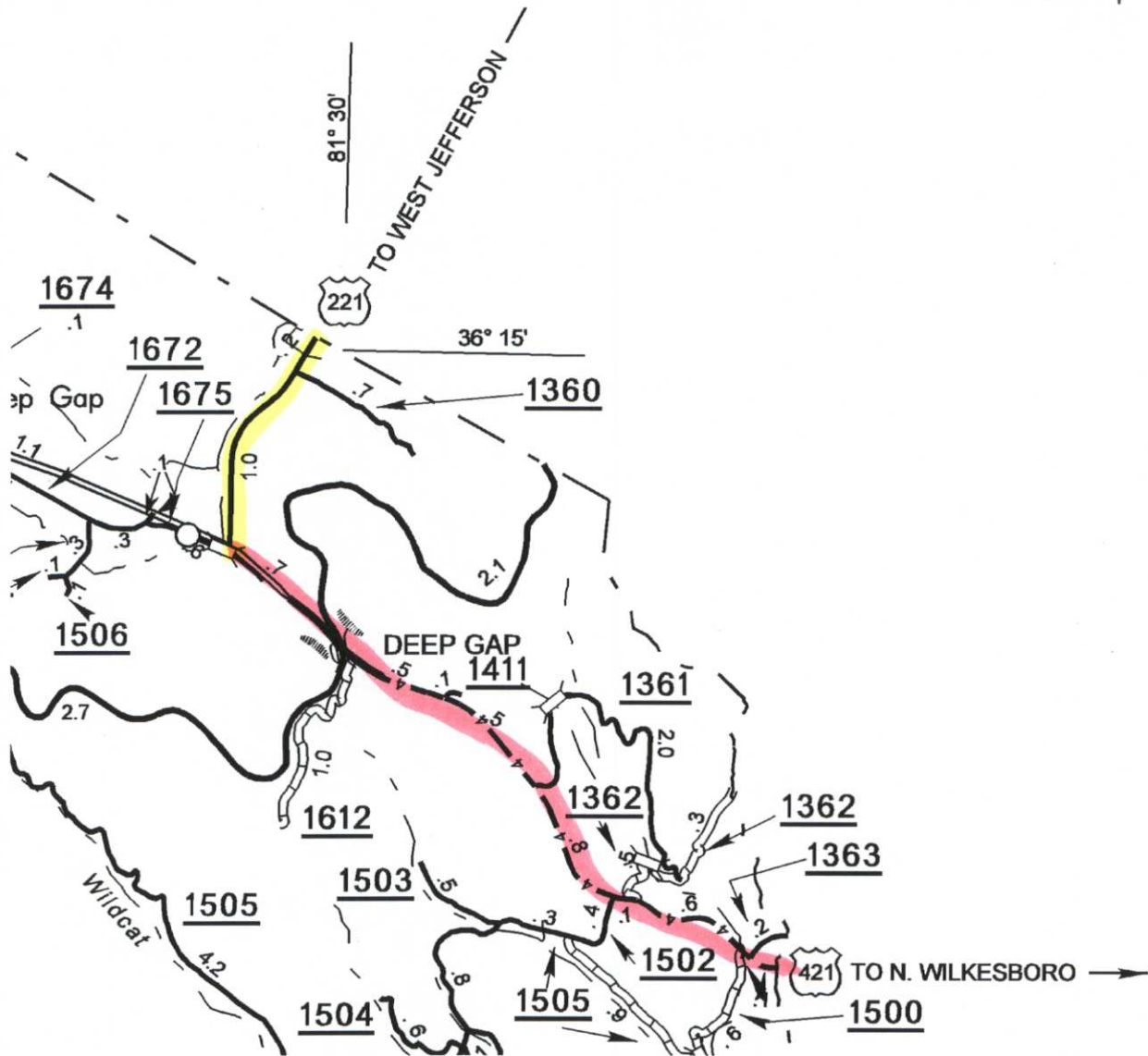
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cc: Samuel L. Erby, Jr., Member, Board of Transportation
L. T. Williams, P.E., Area Traffic Engineer
Major C. J. Carden, Assistant Director, DMV Enforcement
Colonel E. W. Horton, Commander, State Highway Patrol

Wilkes County
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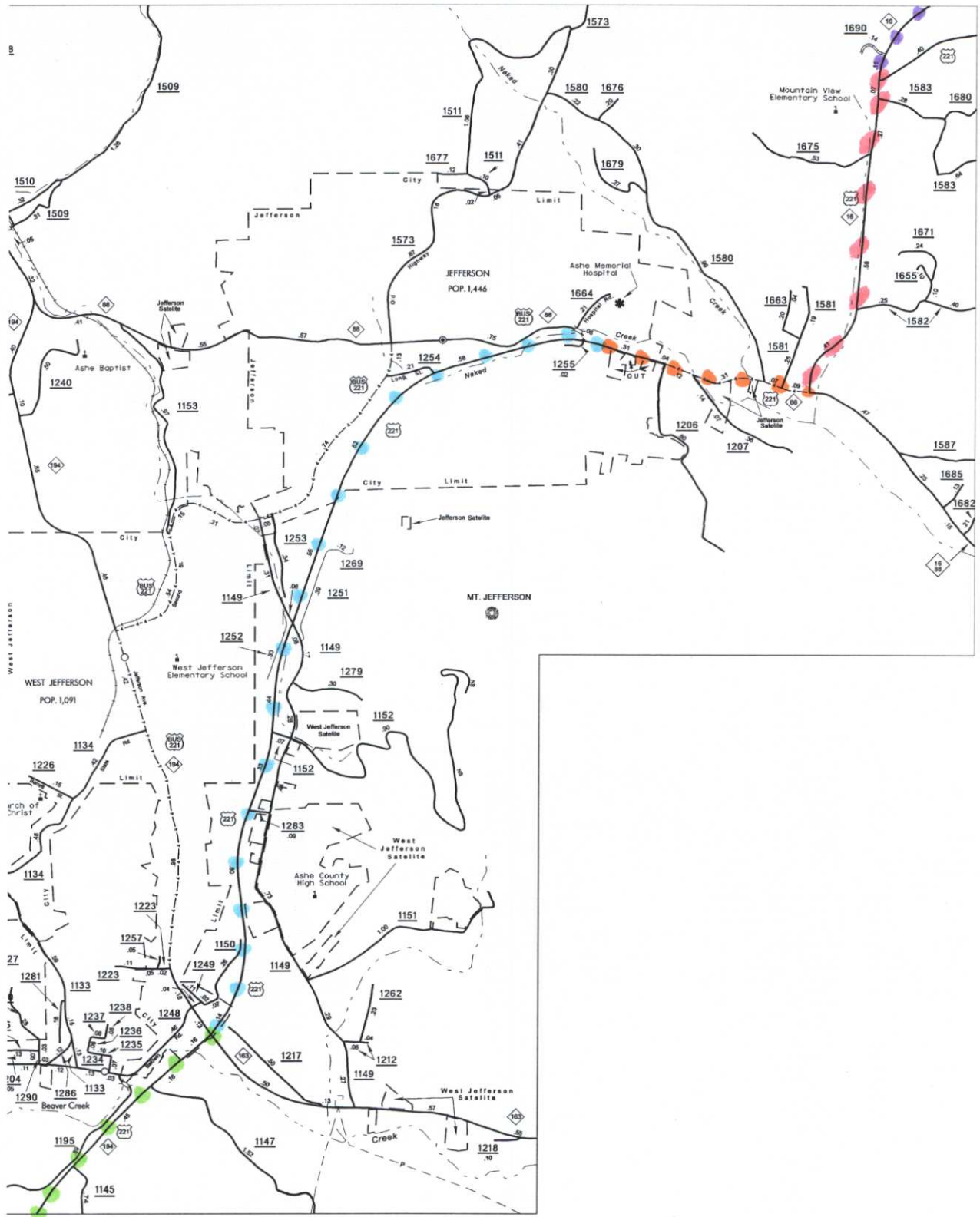
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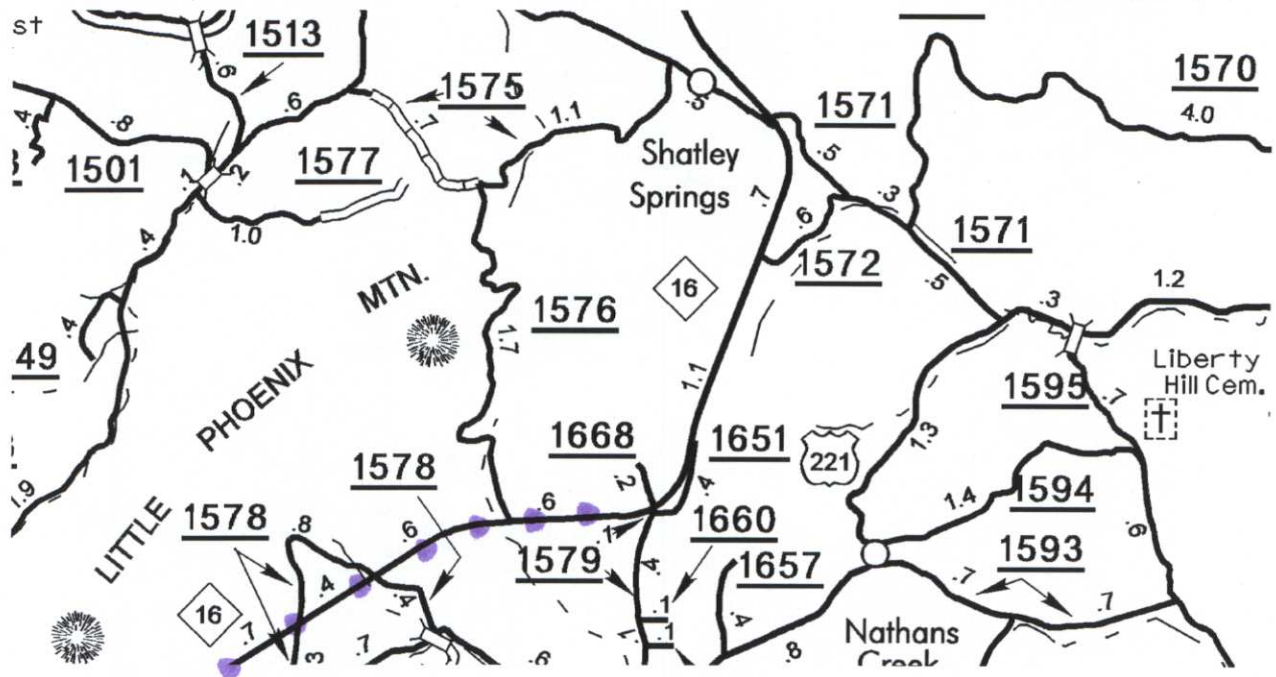
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